



**BRIEFING: AUGUST 2013 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #3**

**TO:** Chairman Richard and Board Members

**FROM:** Ben Tripousis, Northern Regional Director

**DATE:** August 1, 2013

**RE:** Proposal to Issue a RFQ for the Los Angeles to San Diego Project Section RC Contract

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**Introduction**

It is the Authority's intent to best serve the public interest by delivering all aspects of the California High-Speed Rail Program on schedule, at the lowest possible cost, and with quality that meets or exceeds acceptable industry and government standards. In May 2013, the Board directed Staff to prepare a new approach for re-advertisement of the Los Angeles to San Diego section. Staff has developed a scope of work based on need and therefore requests Board approval to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Los Angeles to San Diego section. This RFQ will be targeted at small businesses and will contain a 30 day termination clause.

**Background**

The Los Angeles to San Diego project section is 167 miles long running east from Los Angeles Union Station to the Inland Empire cities of Pomona and Ontario, then turning south along either I-215 or I-15 to San Diego.

The Authority's existing contract for this section is with HNTB with a contract duration through September 2013. This contract, as with all of the Authority's A&E contracts, contains a 30-day termination clause.

To date, the following work has been initiated and/or completed:

- Scoping Report (Completed June 2010)
- Draft Purpose and Need Document (Completed March 2011)
- Preliminary Alternatives Analysis (Completed March 2011)
- Stakeholder and Agency Coordination (On-going)
- Caltrans Section Report (Completed June 2013)
- Draft Alignment Refinement Report (Completed July 2013)

At its May 2, 2013 Board meeting, the Board approved amending the contract with HNTB for additional work on the Los Angeles to San Diego section, extending it up to 90 days, and directed staff to prepare a recommendation for the Board's consideration for an approach to re-advertising for this section, one which realigns the work with the 2012 Business Plan. Staff has developed a scope of work for the Los Angeles to San Diego section based on need and in consideration of the 2012 Business Plan and SB 1029 for approval by the Board.

### **Discussion**

This recommendation considers the following opportunities and risks: loss of consistency/continuity, stakeholder relationships, competition, potential conflicts of interest, loss of institutional knowledge, and imminent disruption and delay. This qualitative risk-based assessment was performed in consultation with the Authority's Chief Deputy Director, Chief Program Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Regional Directors, Chief Counsel and Risk Manager.

As the high-speed rail program advances and matures, professional consultant services procurement, structure, and organization will be continuously assessed and enhanced. Due to the dynamic nature of the project, there will likely be future opportunities to improve efficiency. Over the next year, the Authority plans to implement various strategic planning initiatives. The area of professional consulting services procurement will be one area of emphasis with the goal of building on the Authority's long term consulting strategy.

The procurement process for the Los Angeles to San Diego section will be managed directly by Authority staff consistent with the State's competitive Architectural & Engineering (A&E) procurement processes. The RFQ will be issued and A&E consultants will submit statements of qualifications (SOQs) to be evaluated by Authority staff in accordance with the Authority's administrative regulations. SOQs and oral discussions will be the basis for ranking of the top consultants. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or its designee will negotiate a contract beginning with the top ranked consultant. The CEO would then submit its recommendation to the Board for approval. If approved by the Board, the CEO, on behalf of the Authority, would then enter into a contract with the selected consultant.

The following is an overview of the work that would be completed as part of a new contract resulting from a re-advertisement of the Los Angeles to San Diego section:

- Finalizing the Draft Alignment Refinement Report
- Supporting Stakeholder and Agency Coordination consistent with the Authority's goals
- Advancing the Supplemental Alternatives Analyses through further study of existing alignments
- Supporting the Authority on as needed basis in station area planning, sustainability, private investment opportunities and implementation planning.

The new contract to be awarded as a result of this solicitation is estimated at \$2.0 million with a contract duration of 2 years.

The Authority Contract Manager will administer the contract through the issuance of task orders based on the selected consultant's approved work plan.

The proposed action would cover the following:

- Approve issuance of an RFQ soliciting environmental/engineering services for the Los Angeles to San Diego section.

### **Procurement Schedule**

Upon Board approval, RFQ will be advertised on August 2, 2013 with the proposal due on August 30, 2013. Interviews will be held the week of September 16, 2013. The Authority Board will review the Final Agreement and Cost Proposal on October 3, 2013, and the targeted execution date will be October 18, 2013.

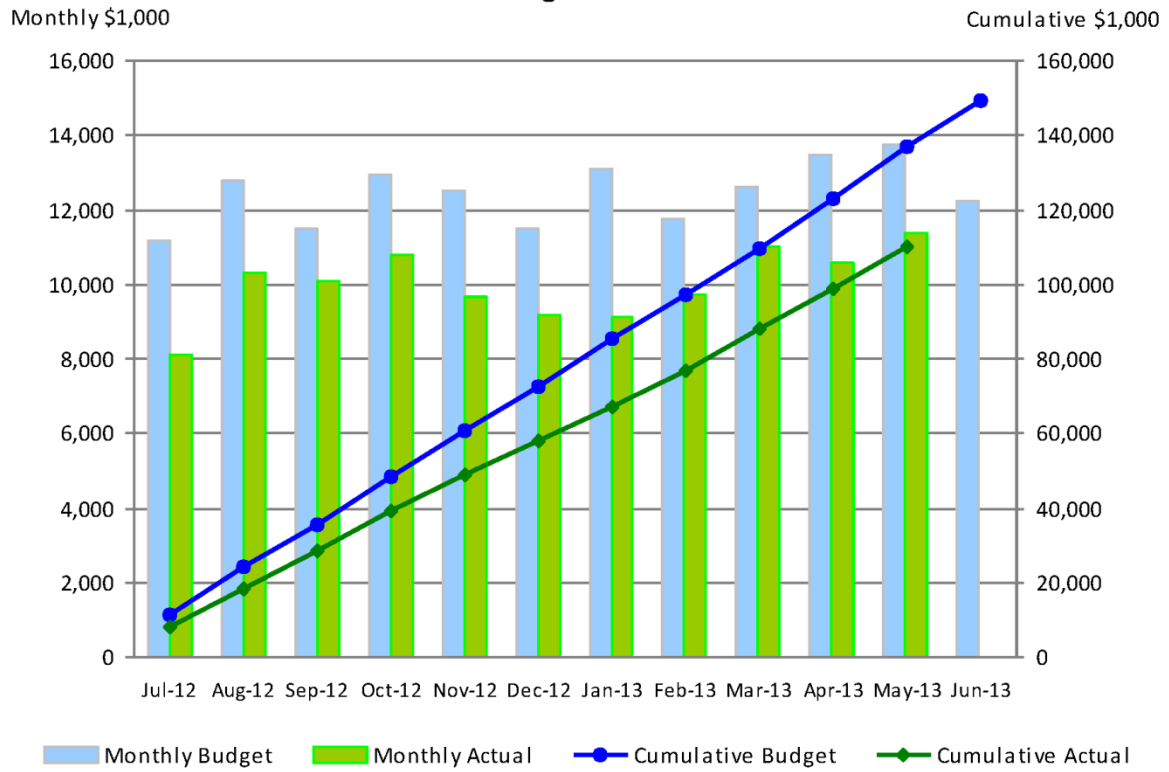
### **Recommendations**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the issuance of an RFQ soliciting professional services for the Los Angeles to San Diego section.

### **Attachments**

- Resolution #HSRA 13-16
- PMT and Regional Consultants Expenditure Graph
- Draft RFQ

### PMT and Regional Consultants



CHSRA Program Components	May (\$1,000)		Fiscal Year Cumulative (\$1,000)				Total FY Budget
	Monthly Planned	Monthly Actual	Planned	Actual	Variance Over/Under	% (-Over/+Under)	
Program Management (PB)	\$5,164	\$4,885	\$48,197	\$44,249	\$3,948	8	\$52,651
San Francisco - San Jose (HNTB)	\$153	\$22	\$1,595	\$327	\$1,268	80	\$1,728
San Jose - Merced (Parsons)	\$1,347	\$1,080	\$11,539	\$10,003	\$1,535	13	\$12,957
Merced - Fresno (AECOM)	\$925	\$1,250	\$12,503	\$12,189	\$314	3	\$13,296
Fresno - Bakersfield (U-H-A)	\$3,017	\$2,486	\$29,568	\$19,460	\$10,108	34	\$31,916
Bakersfield - Palmdale (U-H-A)	\$987	\$412	\$12,409	\$10,430	\$1,979	16	\$13,259
Palmdale - Los Angeles (H-U-A)	\$859	\$603	\$8,844	\$7,718	\$1,126	13	\$9,597
Los Angeles - Anaheim (STV)	\$657	\$250	\$5,521	\$2,086	\$3,435	62	\$6,068
Los Angeles - San Diego (HNTB)	\$191	\$222	\$1,832	\$1,453	\$379	21	\$2,000
Sacramento - Merced (AECOM)	\$199	\$135	\$1,897	\$1,214	\$683	36	\$2,070
Altamont (AECOM)	\$254	\$64	\$3,066	\$918	\$2,148	70	\$3,686
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,753</b>	<b>\$11,408</b>	<b>\$136,971</b>	<b>\$110,047</b>	<b>\$26,923</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$149,228</b>